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The **APRIL 12th** meeting will be held at the Burgtorf Building beginning at 7:00PM. Building is located on the south side of Kearsley High School: 4160 Underhill Dr., Flint. You will take one of three roads off of Genesee Rd. They are Hillcrest Dr., Daly Rd., or Rossway. Go EAST to Underhill Dr. GO south (right) on Underhill Dr and it will take you into the Burgtorf parking lot.

At this meeting we will make a table saw push stick. Wood for the push stick will be provided for you at the meeting at no cost to you. Keep your hands and fingers safe by always using a good push stick.

Upcoming meetings:

April Table Saw Pusher

May Steam Bending

Summer Picnic

No meetings during Summer

September Wood Turning

October Hand Mirrors

November

December

January C&C Demo

February

Election

Cube in a Cube

Toys, Toys, Toys

Salad Tongs &

It's your club, what would you like to see in a meeting?

Will the Federal Government ban tablesaws or make so many safety features on them that we will not be able to afford them?

" April 1, 2011 - Associated Press - New York

Federal Consumer Products Safety Commission (FCPS) Calls for Tool Safety Regulatory Body

- Less than a year after a Massachusetts circuit court sided with a plaintiff who claimed a tool manufacturer should be held responsible for injuries to his hands sustained while misusing a portable tablesaw, fresh controversy seems to be on the horizon. The federal government seems to be one step closer to enforcing stricter regulations regarding tool safety."

Does not make sense ... I mean once all corded and cordless power tools are banned, who will need a push stick?

Meeting and Class Requests: Gene has requested that you suggest ideas for meetings and classes. This is a club for everyone your input is needed. Gene is your president and a good leader. You can't learn how to do that special thing you have been wanting to do, but don't know how, **unless you ask**. EMW is a club made up of many people and some members have special skills they can share. Give Gene or Arnold ideas that you would like to see at MEETINGS or classes. These can be Lectures, Demonstrations or Hands on.

Zipper: The initials YKK commonly seen on most zippers stands for "Yoshida Kogyo Kabushibaisha," the world's largest zipper manufacturer.

Newsletters: If you use email, give the address to Dan Bare to save the club money.

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Where are your pictures? Have you looked at the picture of Jim Carsten's walnut roll-top desk, or Don Ackerman's Grandfather Clock, or Del Jacobs Model T-Ford project yet? <http://emw.djwws.com> listed under projects. Don Ackerman gave me his pictures and I scanned them and gave him the pictures back the next meeting. Not having a computer is not an excuse of not showing us your projects. Now we have pictures from Don Ackerman, Jim Carsten, and Del Jacobs. Gather some pictures, put them into an envelope with your name on it and bring it to the meeting.

Dues: As of September 1st you needed to renew your EMW dues. EMW dues are \$15 for one year (September to the next September) If you are not sure whether you have paid or not, check with Dennis.

If you have not paid your dues, please mail dues or pay at any meeting:

Dennis Ackerman, 4470 Branch Rd., Flint, MI 48506

Web Site: We will be keeping the same address for the web site. <http://emw.djwws.com>

Need an idea for your next project or how to do a special project. Have you checked out any of the links on the web site? If you don't have a computer ask your grandkids to show you some on them. Take some time and explore some of the links on the web site.

Email Addresses: Email addresses are like unlisted phone numbers. Never give out a email address of a member to a non-member. It is a communication tool. It is "OK" to send emails to other club members about meetings, EMW business, classes, projects etc.. Don't get in the habit of forwarding them everything you might think is sort of interesting or put them on a Joke list, unless you ask permission first

A SAFETY NOTE: For all hands on meetings and classes you will need to bring your own safety glasses and ear plugs.

EMW Library: Remember that the EMW Library has many books, plans, magazines, and VHS tapes. Check with Larry Keeman before you spend your hard earned money

Zippers: It was BF Goodrich who coined the term zipper when he placed a large order for rubber galoshes he was manufacturing. He liked the "z-z-zip" sound they made and coined the name.

Remember if you have something to sell or something for the newsletter, contact Dan Bare dcbare@comcast.net or 6295 Flushing Rd., Flushing, MI 48433

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Mentors: These are members who will help you with any project or problem. Please call them ahead of time, rather than showing up on their doorstep, only to find they are at work, or not home.

Zippers: were originally used primarily for boots and tobacco pouches. Two decades later, the fashion industry introduced them for children's clothes. You can imagine how excited men were when they began placing them on their pants!

Graphics Galore (the hat and t-shirt guy) is located at G-7275 N. Genesee Rd., Genesee, MI. If you are interested in getting a hat or t-shirt, you can stop by and pick the style of hat and shirt. They have the EMW logo on file.

DEMOTT TOOL AND SAW SHARPENING AND REPAIR: Eric Johnson is the owner and operator of located at 1919 N Lapeer Rd., Lapeer 48446. Phone 810.667.2005. (Located in the back of Lapeer Awning and Window.

Gene Munsell can weld band saw blades.

Gloves: How are the gloves working out? I hope they are helpful in saving the hands. Plus, nothing beats free. If anyone needs any more let me know, I still have some, well lots of them except the XLs. I brought some XLs to the last meeting. You can email me at:

augny@comcast.net if you would like some more.

Tip of the month. Working with wood tends to dry the hands thus causing the hands to slip when trying to move wood. Wetting your fingers will make a big difference. When I am trying to move a piece of wood a small fraction like positioning a piece for cross cutting I just lick the tip of the fingers and wala no more slipping. From Augie

Zippers: Initially, clothing with zippers was viewed as inappropriate for women because clothing could be removed so quickly. For this reason, zippers were found mostly in men's and children's apparel for years.

Expand your Horizons

Here are some excellent links to web sites copied from our web page. Take a quick look below and you will recognize many of the names as leaders in woodworking.

Even if you don't have a computer or know how to use one, your grandkids have access to a computer and know how to use it. Have them take you to <http://emw.djwws.com> and click on "links" and the following list will appear.

You will find that most of these sites also have links to other similar sites. You go to one site and then click on a link and end up at another site and then another site. Hence the term surfing. You will end up at Japanese, Russian, German, etc. sites and not be able to read one word, but you can build a project simply by purchasing a metric tape measure

If you are reading this from a newsletter downloaded you can just CTRL+Click on the link.

[Robin Wood](#)

[The Village Carpenter](#)

[One old exercise for growing skills](#)

[Popular Woodworking Editors Blog](#)

[Lost Art Press Blog](#)

[Peter Follansbee, 17th Century Joiner's Notes](#)

[Don't miss the Woodworking in America Exhibitors' Marketplace!](#)

[Brent's Sharpening Pages](#)

[John Wilson's Shaker oval boxes, shaker oval box supplies, materials, classes](#)

[Pinewood Forge Catalog](#)

[Olde Mill Cabinet Shoppe - Home](#)

[North Bay Forge - Wood Carving Tools and Kitchen Cutlery Knives](#)

[SCANDINAVIAN WOODCARVING KNIVES MADE by PINWOOD FORGE](#)

[David Sawyer, Windsor Chairmaker](#)

[Curtis Buchanan Chair Maker](#)

[The Boggs Collective](#)

[Lie-Nielsen Toolworks USA | Home](#)

[David Charlesworth - Tool Turning and Fine Furniture Making](#)

[Marc Adams School of Woodworking | Wood working, turning, veneering](#)

[Winsor Chair Notes](#)

[Country Woodworking School of western North Carolina](#)

All of the woodworking magazines have their own web sites and are competing to see who can provide the most help for woodworkers like us. They offer plans and drawings (many of which are free).

I bought a used lathe a couple of years ago, knowing nothing of how to use one. My first project was the spindles for a Winsor Chair. I did not know that spindles 26 inch by 1/2 inch were not for a rank beginner. I went to <http://www.youtube.com> and searched for wood lathes. I started and then went back to youtube to find out how to make a "steady rest".

Blades

By Augie

The demo Gene did on tempering fits right in with this. You may want to make your own blade of some type and now when you have taken the temper out of it, no problem you will know how to put the temper back in. I plan on making a marking knife from an old saw blade. The problem is about the time I get around to it I will have questions. I am going to practice on the wife to get the temper out; I just won't do the second part.

Roller blades, Toledo Blade, razor blades, knife blades, saw blades, that's it, saw blades. What do you need in your shop? That depends, I took count of the blades I have and I do have a variety in type and quality. Years ago Sears marketed a chromium blade. It was one of the better blades at the time and now look what is available. I still use one of those blades occasionally, a 200 teeth plywood. With saw blades it is primarily you get what you pay for, spend more get a better blade, less not so good of a blade. Some I have paid considerable money and in my mind they are not the best blade I have. Of course some of the least expensive blades I probably will not spend the money to get them sharpened.

I recommend a good rip blade, a good cross cut blade and a good combination blade. If you cut a lot of manufactured lumber such as OSB, MFD, melamine and the like do not use one of your good blades. This type of lumber has resins and other man made material and will dull the blade sooner.

I have blades from an 8 tooth to a 200 tooth blade and each has its unique purpose. Here is a partial list of the blades that I have in my shop.

Freud Diablo 80 tooth cross cut blade, fantastic; of course it cost more for the quality, about \$50.00.

DeWalt 60 tooth cross cut. Good blade for the price.

Freud industrial 30 tooth glue line rip. If everything is set up correctly when you rip with this blade it is ready to glue. This can save you time when gluing panels.

A Credo Cuda ultra thin 40T for plywood. Most of the time I use a good combination blade to cut plywood. If I am going to work with plywood most of the day I will install this blade in the table saw.

A Vermont American (VA) non ferrous metal 60 tooth. You can use this blade for cutting metals such as aluminum, brass, copper but not any type of steel. I use it to cut aluminum. It is not real fast but it works.

CMT very thin kerf (3/32 24T with silencers and heat expansion cuts). Do not use this blade for cutting any type of thick stock. It may not be a pretty picture.

A craftsman 8 tooth blade. This blade will cut through any type of wood. Does not give a smooth cut but is very forgiving and good for cutting very rough lumber.

There are many factors that determine the price, here a few.

- 1. How true is the blade?** Disposable blades will not be as true as a high quality blade. When you install the blade in the saw and it wines loudly it can be a sign of not being true. You can install a stabilizer which will help some.
- 2. How many teeth?** Rule of thumb, more teeth more money.
- 3. How much carbide?** This is a big factor. If there is very little carbide it can be sharpened few times if at all.
- 4. Name brand.** You are going to pay more for name brand but you will usually get a better blade because the company's reputation is riding on that blade. Freud rates there blades and has different quality blades so you have a choice for what type of cutting you are doing.

This is just some of the things to consider when supplying your shop with blades.

Next month - - - Getting ideas for and making a jig to make the work easier.

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